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The SPECTATOR.

Gratis anhelans, multa agendo nihil agens. Phæd.

Wednesday, July 4. 1711.

AS I was Yesterday Morning walking with Sir ROGER before his House, a Country-Fellow brought him a huge Fish, which, he told him, Mr. *William Wimble* had caught that very Morning; and that he presented it, with his Service, to him, and intended to come and dine with him. At the same Time he delivered a Letter, which my Friend read to me assoon as the Messenger left him.

SIR ROGER,

I Desire you to accept of a Jack, which is the best I have caught this Season. I intend to come and stay with you a Week, and see how the Perch bite in the *Black River*. I observed, with some Concern, the last Time I saw you upon the Bowling-Green, that your Whip wanted a Lash to it: I will bring half a Dozen with me that I twisted last Week, which I hope will serve you all the Time you are in the Country. I have not been out of the Saddle for six Days last past, having been at *Eaton* with Sir *John*'s eldest Son. He takes to his Learning hugely.

I am,

SIR,

Your humble Servant,

Will. Wimble.

This extraordinary Letter, and Message that accompanied it, made me very curious to know the Character and Quality of the Gentleman who sent them; which I found to be as follows: *Will. Wimble* is younger Brother to a Baronet, and descended of the ancient Family of the *Wimbles*. He is now between Forty and Fifty; but being bred to no Business and born to no Estate, he generally lives with his elder Brother as Superintendant of his Game. He hunts a Pack of Dogs better than any Man in the Country, and is very famous for finding out a Hare. He is extremely well versed in all the little Handicrafts of an idle Man: He makes a *May*-fly to a Miracle; and furnishes the whole Country with Angle-Rods. As he is a good-natur'd officious Fellow, and very much esteemed upon Account of his Family, he is a welcome Guest at every House, and keeps up a good Correspondence among all the Gentlemen about him. He carries a Tulip-Root in his Pocket from one to another, or exchanges a Puppy between a couple of Friends that live perhaps in the opposite Sides of the County. *Will.* is a particular Favourite of all the young Heirs, whom he frequently obliges with a Net that he has weaved, or a Setting-dog that he has *made* himself: He now and then presents a Pair of Garters of his own knitting to their Mothers or Sisters, and raises a great deal of Mirth among them, by enquiring as often as he meets them *how they wear?* These Gentleman-like Manufactures and obliging little Humours, make *Will.* the Darling of the Country.

Sir ROGER was proceeding in the Character of him, when we saw him make up to us, with two or three Hazle-twigs in his Hand that he had cut in Sir ROGER's Woods, as he came through them, in his Way to the House. I was very much pleased to observe on one Side the hearty and sincere Welcome with which Sir ROGER received him, and on the other the secret Joy which his Guest discovered at Sight of the good old Knight. After the first Salutes were over, *Will.* desired Sir ROGER to lend him one of his Servants to carry a Set of Shuttle-cocks he had with him in a little Box to a Lady that liv'd about a Mile off, to whom it seems he had promised such a Present for above this half Year. Sir ROGER's Back was no sooner turn'd, but honest *Will.* begun to tell me of a large Cock-Pheasant that he had sprung in one of the neighbouring Woods, with two or three other Adventures of the same Nature. Odd and uncommon Characters are the Game that I look for, and most delight in; for which Reason I was as much pleased with the Novelty of the Person that talked to

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me, as he could be for his Life with the ſpringing of a Pheaſant, and therefore liſtned to him with more than ordinary Attention.

In the Midſt of his Diſcourſe the Bell rung to Dinner, where the Gentleman I have been ſpeaking of had the Pleaſure of ſeeing the huge Jack, he had caught, ſerved up for the firſt Diſh in a moſt ſumptuous Manner. Upon our ſitting down to it he gave us a long Account how he had hooked it, played with it, foiled it, and at length drew it out upon the Bank, with ſeveral other Particulars that laſted all the firſt Courſe. A Diſh of Wild-fowl that came afterwards furniſhed Converſation for the reſt of the Dinner, which concluded with a late Invention of *Will*'s for improving the Quail Pipe.

Upon withdrawing into my Room after Dinner, I was ſecretly touched with Compaſſion towards the honeſt Gentleman that had dined with us; and could not but conſider with a great deal of Concern, how ſo good an Heart and ſuch buſy Hands were wholly employed in Trifles; that ſo much Humanity ſhould be ſo little beneficial to others, and ſo much Induſtry ſo little advantageous to himſelf. The ſame Temper of Mind and Application to Affairs might have recommended him to the publick Eſteem, and have raiſed his Fortune in another Station of Life. What Good to his Country or himſelf might not a Trader or Merchant have done with ſuch uſeful tho' ordinary Qualifications!

Will. Wimble's is the Caſe of many a younger Brother of a great Family, who had rather ſee their Children ſtarve like Gentlemen, than thrive in a Trade or Profeſſion that is beneath their Quality. This Humour fills ſeveral Parts of *Europe* with Pride and Beggary. It is the Happineſs of a trading Nation, like ours, that the younger Sons, tho' uncapable of any liberal Art or Profeſſion, may be placed in ſuch a Way of Life, as may perhaps enable them to vie with the beſt of their Family: Accordingly we find ſeveral Citizens that were launched into the World with narrow Fortunes, riſing by an honeſt Induſtry to greater Eſtates than thoſe of their elder Brothers. It is not improbable but *Will.* was formerly tried at Divinity, Law, or Phyſick; and that finding his Genius did not lie that Way, his Parents gave him up at length to his own Inventions: But certainly, however improper he might have been for Studies of a higher Nature, he was perfectly well turned for the Occupations of Trade and Commerce. As I think this is a Point which cannot be too much inculcated, I ſhall deſire my Reader to compare what I have here written with what I have ſaid in my Twenty firſt Speculation.

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